

### **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 1-13 and 17-32 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 20, 23 and 25 as containing various informalities.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 5, 9-10, 20, 23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/01225821 to Steckl et al ("Steckl"). The Examiner indicated that claims 2-8, 11-19, 21-22, and 24-31 contained allowable subject matter.

#### **A. The Claim Objections**

The noted claims have been amended to address the Examiner's objections. Withdrawal of these objections is requested.

#### **B. The §102 Rejection**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9-10, 20, 23 and 25 as anticipated by Steckl. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above amendments.

The Examiner cites Steckl as disclosing the use of a ZnS:Mn phosphor. Independent claims 1, 20, 23 and 25 have been amended to remove the recitation of a transition metal zinc sulfide phosphor. The Examiner states in paragraph 4 that the prior art does not teach the claimed improved phosphor film, phosphor laminate, thick film dielectric electroluminescent device, or method for making a stabilized phosphor laminate including a phosphor from the group including (a) a rare earth activated barium thioaluminate; (b) a rare earth or transition metal activated zinc selenide; or (c) a rare earth or transition metal activated zinc sulfo-selenide. The claims have been amended to only recite these phosphors. Thus, Applicants submit that these claims and those dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited art.

With regard to new independent claim 32 reciting a transition metal activated zinc sulfide phosphor, this claim incorporates the limitation of claim 8

wherein the aluminum nitride barrier layer is about 30nm to about 50nm thick. The Examiner has indicated that original claim 8 contained patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicants submit that new claim 32 is not anticipated by Steckl.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the above comments. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims recite patentable subject matter. If there are any issues remaining, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned in an attempt to resolve any issues. If any fee or extension is due in conjunction with the filing of this amendment, Application authorizes deduction of that fee from deposit account 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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